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And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's Mightiest Heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born, to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

AVENGERS

THE CHILDREN'S CRUSADE



United by friendship and bravery, Patriot, Hawkeye, Wiccan, Hulkling, Speed, and the Vision are the Young Avengers, following in the footsteps of Earth's Mightiest Heroes!

When Wiccan loses control of his powers, the Avengers fear he has the potential to become another Scarlet Witch: the missing former Avenger who killed three of her teammates and committed what some consider a mutant genocide.

Believing the Scarlet Witch might be the key to Wiccan's future and his freedom, the Young Avengers debate searching for her when they're interrupted by the sudden appearance of the Scarlet Witch's father, Magneto.

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MAGNETO...

YOU MAY
CALL ME
GRANDFATHER,
IF YOU LIKE.

THEN IT'S
TRUE...

...YOU **ARE** OUR
GRANDFATHER.

SURE, WHEN
MAGNETO
SAYS IT, YOU
BELIEVE IT.

THOMAS, IF
YOU AND WILLIAM
ARE INDEED THE
SPIRITUAL HEIRS OF
MY DAUGHTER,
WANDA...

...THEN I
AM YOUR
GRANDFATHER.

COME. WE
HAVE MUCH TO
DISCUSS.





THE AVENGERS

BUT WHO ARE THEY ATTACKING? MAGNETO OR US?

I THINK THAT DEPENDS ON WHETHER WE GIVE THEM ANY TROUBLE OR NOT.

I WARNED YOU TO STAY AWAY FROM THE KIDS, ERIK.

LOGAN, STOP THIS NONSENSE BEFORE SOMEONE GETS HURT!

AND BY *SOMEONE*, OF COURSE, I MEAN YOU!



I'D HEARD YOU WERE ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS NOW, MAGNETO.

I KNOW IT DOESN'T COME NATURALLY TO YOU, SO HERE'S A TIP...

STARK, LISTEN--

...GOOD GUYS DON'T KIDNAP CHILDREN.

IRON MAN, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND.

MAGNETO DIDN'T COME HERE TO FIGHT. HE CAME HERE FOR *HELP*.

HE WANTS TO FIND THE SCARLET WITCH.

WHY? SO WE CAN ALL GO BACK TO LIVING IN THE WORLD OF M?

SO SHE CAN MAKE THINGS RIGHT.

RIGHT FOR WHOM, WICCAN?

THE SCARLET WITCH IS HIS *DAUGHTER*--AND AN *AVENGER*. WHY CAN'T WE ALL LOOK FOR HER *TOGETHER*?

BECAUSE THE AVENGERS DON'T WANT TO *FIND* HER, WILLIAM. IF THEY FIND HER, THEY'LL HAVE TO *KILL* HER.

AND THE MINUTE YOU STEP OUT OF LINE, THEY'LL KILL YOU, TOO.

I COULDN'T HAVE SAID IT BETTER MYSELF.



THANK YOU, WOLVERINE.

I THINK THE YOUNG MAN UNDERSTANDS WHO HIS ALLIES ARE NOW.

GAAAH--!

YOU DO KNOW MAGNETO'S ONLY *USING* YOU, RIGHT?

OF COURSE. HE'S **MAGNETO**.

BUT I CAN'T LET HIM **KNOW** THAT I KNOW OR I WON'T BE ABLE TO USE **HIM**.

AS LONG AS YOU'VE GOT A **PLAN**.

SO, WHAT'S THE PLAN?

TO OUTSMART AND OUTFIGHT THE AVENGERS **AND** MAGNETO AT THE TENDER AGE OF, WHAT, FIFTEEN?

SIXTEEN.

KID, I **WAS** A TEENAGE SUPER HERO, SO TAKE IT FROM ME...

...THAT IS A **TERRIBLE** PLAN.

HE'S **RIGHT**, YOU KNOW. YOU KIDS ARE NOT GOING TO **WIN** THIS ONE.

IS THAT A THREAT, MS. MARVEL?

NOPE. I JUST CALL 'EM LIKE I SEE 'EM.

TAKE A LOOK FOR **YOURSELVES**.



SHE'S
RIGHT. WE
HAVE TO **STOP**
THIS.

HOW?
BY TURNING
OURSELVES
IN?

BY FINDING
THE **SCARLET**
WITCH.

I DON'T
THINK THE
AVENGERS WOULD
APPROVE.

I DON'T THINK
I'VE EVER BEEN
MORE ATTRACTED
TO YOU.

I DON'T
THINK I
CARE.

TRY TO HOLD
ON TO THAT FEELING,
IN CASE THIS DOESN'T
WORK.

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING,
WICCAN?

I'M NOT
ENTIRELY SURE,
MS. MARVEL.

BRACE
YOURSELF.

KRAAK OOM





"...AND THEN WE'LL TAKE 'EM BOTH OUT."

EVERYBODY ALL RIGHT?

THIS WAS YOUR REVENGE FOR MY **SUPER-SPEEDING** YOU THROUGH THAT WALL, WASN'T IT?

WHERE ARE WE?

WUNDAGORE MOUNTAIN. IN TRANSIA...

...THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE SCARLET WITCH.

BILLY KAPLAN, DID YOU JUST MAGIC US HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD?

HE JUST MADE US ALL **FUGITIVES**, IS WHAT HE DID.

THANKS TO BILLY, WE JUST TEAMED UP WITH MAGNETO, FOUGHT THE AVENGERS, AND FLED THE COUNTRY.

WE'RE NOT THE YOUNG AVENGERS ANYMORE. WE'RE THE YOUNG...BROTHERHOOD OF EVIL MUTANTS!



YOU'RE A MUTANT?

THAT'S NOT THE POINT. THE POINT IS BILLY SHOULD'VE **ASKED** US FIRST.

YOU'RE RIGHT. I'M SENDING YOU GUYS HOME.

NO, YOU'RE NOT.



THIS IS MY FIGHT.

I'M THE ONE THE AVENGERS WANT TO LOCK UP.

I'M THE ONE WHO WANTS TO FIND THE SCARLET WITCH.

AND MAYBE I SHOULDN'T. MAYBE SHE'S DEAD, OR MAYBE SHE DOESN'T WANT TO BE FOUND, OR MAYBE SHE'S NOT EVEN MY REAL MOM.

BUT WHAT IF SHE IS?

WHAT IF SHE'S OUT THERE AND SHE'S IN TROUBLE, AND I CAN HELP HER PUT EVERYTHING BACK THE WAY IT WAS?



THEN YOU SHOULD DO IT. AND WE SHOULD **HELP** YOU.

KATE--

SHUT IT.

WE'RE A TEAM.

IS **MAGNETO** A MEMBER OF THIS TEAM?



DID HE JUST LEAVE THE X-MEN TO BECOME THE OLDEST LIVING YOUNG AVENGER?

OR ARE WE TAKING ORDERS FROM HIM NOW?



YOU NEEDN'T WORRY ABOUT ME, PATRIOT. IF WICCAN IS ANYTHING LIKE HIS MOTHER, HE'S FAR MORE POWERFUL THAN I.

BESIDES, MY SEARCH FOR WANDA FAILED. I'M RELYING ON YOU NOW.

THEN WHY ARE WE IN TRANSIA? BILLY AND TOMMY ALREADY LOOKED HERE.



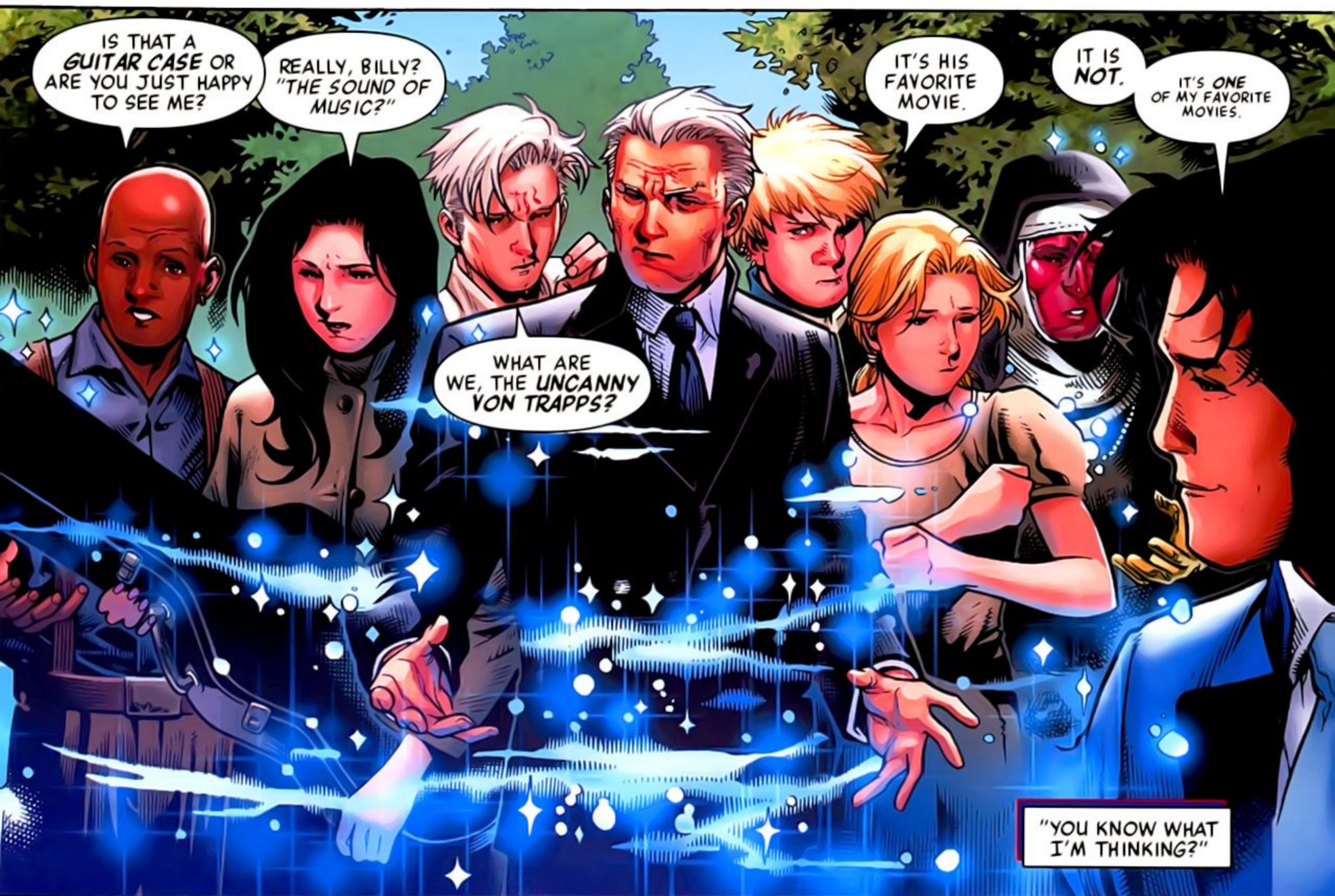
BECAUSE WANDA WAS BORN HERE. THIS IS WHERE HER POWERS WERE STRONGEST-- AND I THOUGHT IT MIGHT PROVOKE A KINDRED RESPONSE IN WICCAN.

BESIDES, IT CAN'T HURT TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK.

TRUE. BUT SINCE WE'RE FUGITIVES NOW...



...WOULD ANYONE MIND IF I MADE OUR WARDROBE A LITTLE LESS CONSPICUOUS?



IS THAT A GUITAR CASE OR ARE YOU JUST HAPPY TO SEE ME?

REALLY, BILLY? "THE SOUND OF MUSIC?"

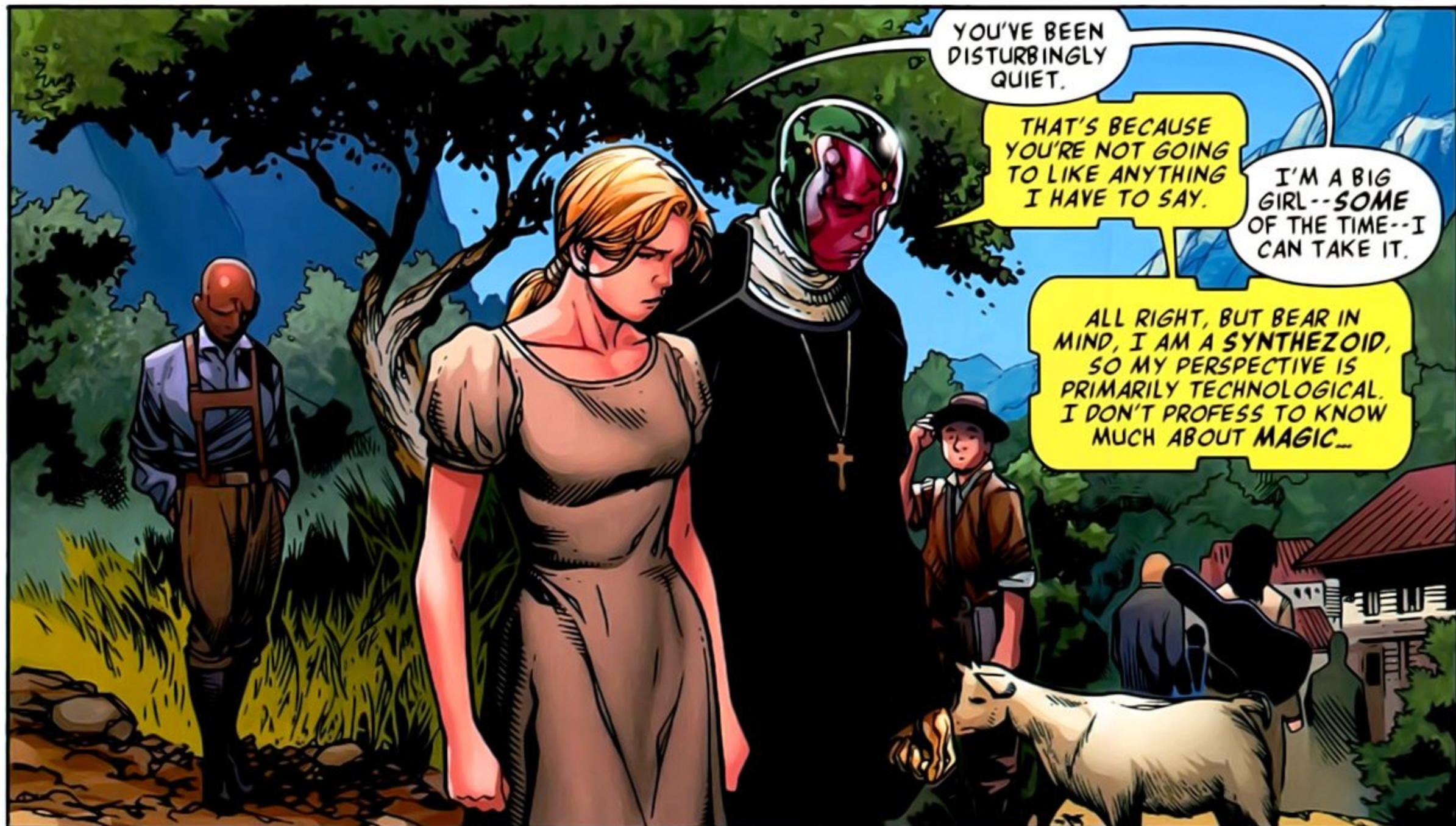
WHAT ARE WE, THE UNCANNY VON TRAPPS?

IT'S HIS FAVORITE MOVIE.

IT IS NOT.

IT'S ONE OF MY FAVORITE MOVIES.

"YOU KNOW WHAT I'M THINKING?"



YOU'VE BEEN
DISTURBINGLY
QUIET.

THAT'S BECAUSE
YOU'RE NOT GOING
TO LIKE ANYTHING
I HAVE TO SAY.

I'M A BIG
GIRL--SOME
OF THE TIME--I
CAN TAKE IT.

ALL RIGHT, BUT BEAR IN
MIND, I AM A SYNTHESOID,
SO MY PERSPECTIVE IS
PRIMARILY TECHNOLOGICAL.
I DON'T PROFESS TO KNOW
MUCH ABOUT MAGIC...



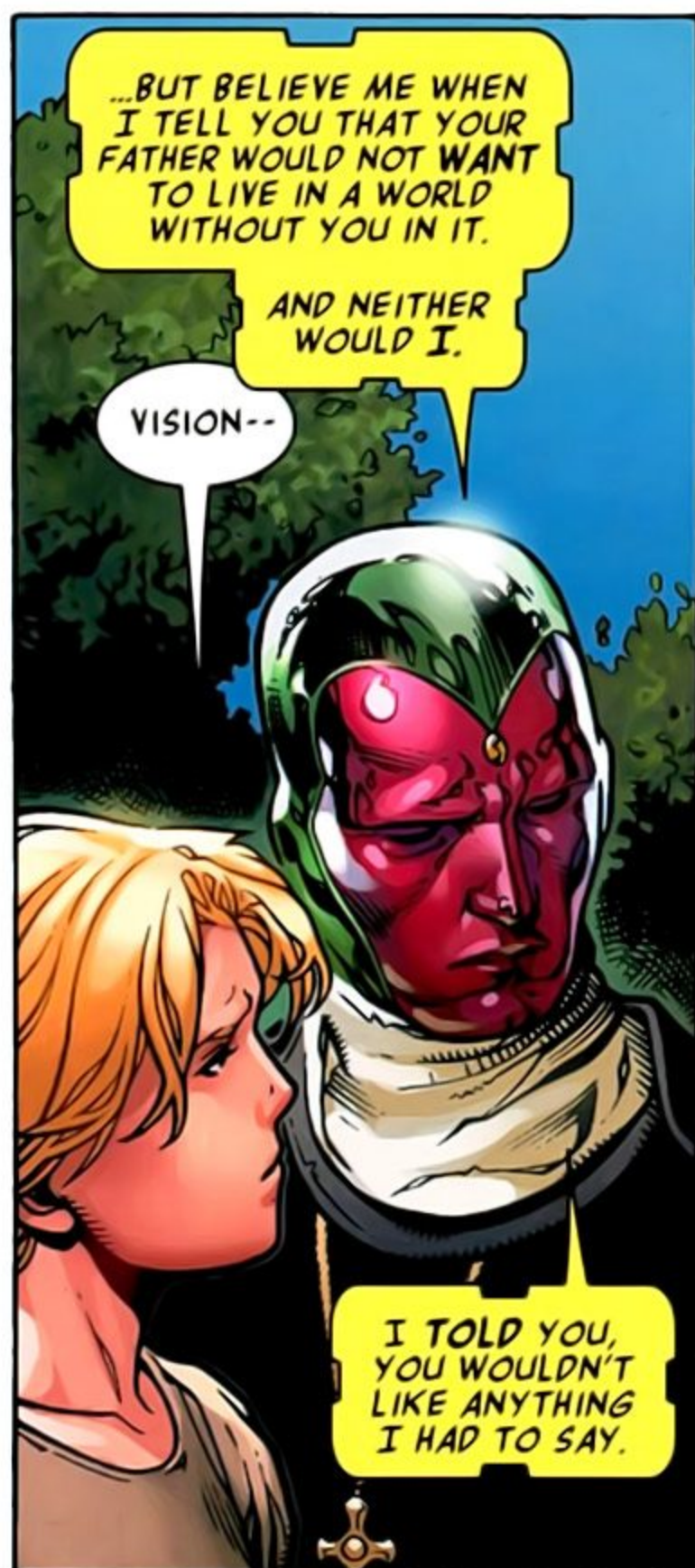
...BUT I DO
KNOW IT COMES
AT A COST.

AND IF THE SCARLET
WITCH IS ABLE TO BRING
YOUR FATHER BACK TO
LIFE, I'M AFRAID OF WHAT
THAT COST MIGHT BE.



YOU THINK
IT MIGHT
BE ME?

I THINK YOU
WOULD DO
ANYTHING FOR
YOUR FATHER...



...BUT BELIEVE ME WHEN
I TELL YOU THAT YOUR
FATHER WOULD NOT WANT
TO LIVE IN A WORLD
WITHOUT YOU IN IT.

AND NEITHER
WOULD I.

VISION--

I TOLD YOU,
YOU WOULDN'T
LIKE ANYTHING
I HAD TO SAY.



THAT'S
WHERE YOU'RE
WRONG,
SPARKY.

"OUR SEARCH
BEGINS HERE..."



...AT MAGDA'S GRAVE.
WHO WAS SHE?
MY WIFE.
YOUR GRANDMOTHER.

"MAGDA LEFT ME WHEN I--
LIKE WANDA--LASHED
OUT AND LOST CONTROL
OF MY POWERS, CAUSING
THE DEATHS OF THOSE
WHO PERSECUTED US.



"NINE MONTHS LATER, SHE FOUND
ASYLUM HERE ON WUNDAGORE
MOUNTAIN, AND GAVE BIRTH TO
WANDA AND PIETRO.



"I DIDN'T EVEN
KNOW SHE WAS
PREGNANT.

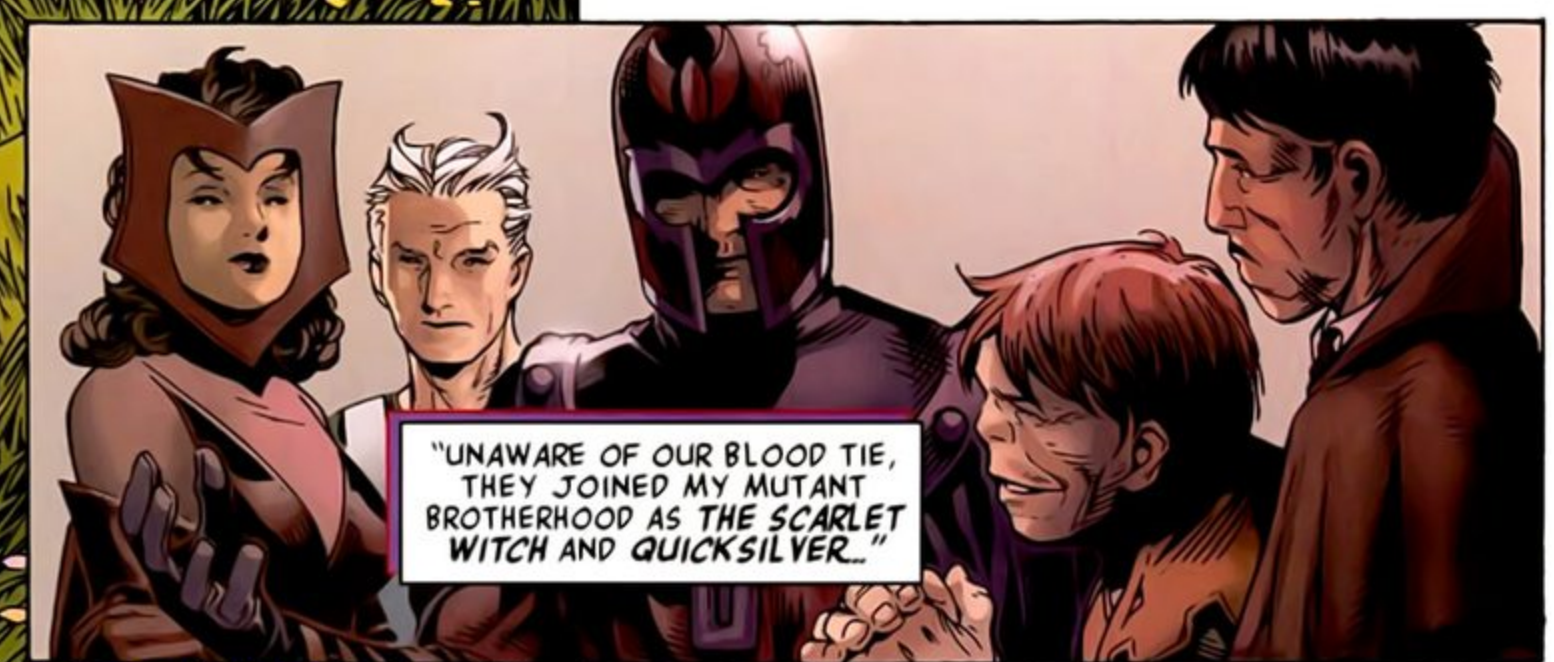


"WHEN MAGDA DIED, THE TWINS WERE
RAISED BY A ROMA COUPLE, DJANGO
AND MARYA MAXIMOFF, UNTIL THEIR
MUTANT ABILITIES EMERGED...

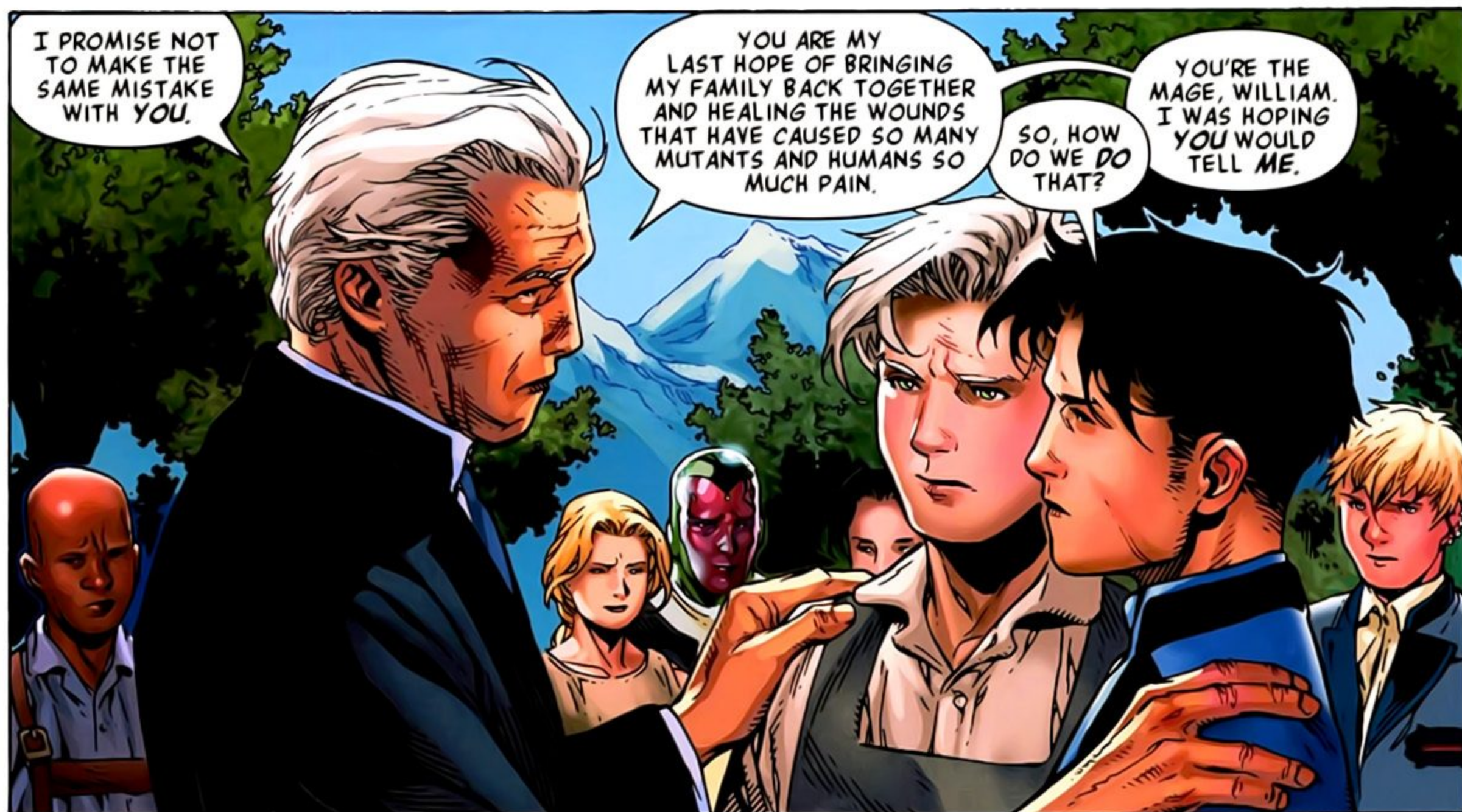


"...AND THEY PROVOKED
VIOLENCE IN THOSE WHO
DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THEM.

"SO I BECAME
THEIR CHAMPION AND
PROTECTOR.



"UNAWARE OF OUR BLOOD TIE,
THEY JOINED MY MUTANT
BROTHERHOOD AS THE SCARLET
WITCH AND QUICKSILVER."



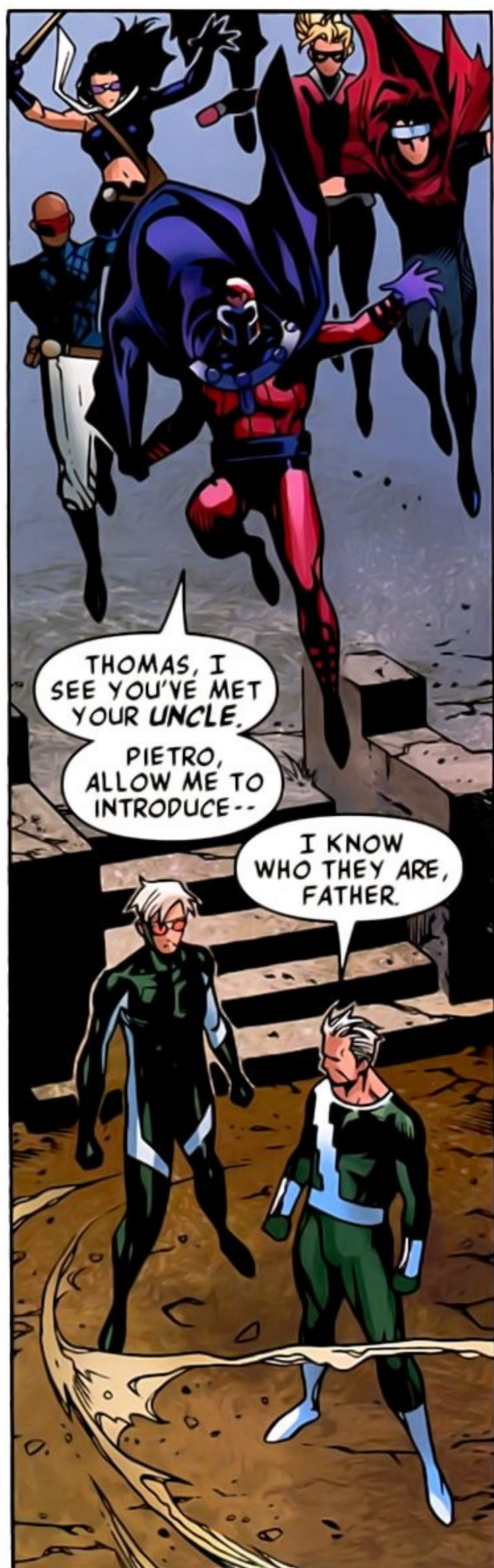


...FLASH.

THE NAME IS
QUICKSILVER

AND IF YOU
AND YOUR FRIENDS
DON'T LEAVE THIS
PLACE AT ONCE, MY
FATHER WON'T BE THE
ONLY PERSON I
KILL TODAY.





THOMAS, I
SEE YOU'VE MET
YOUR **UNCLE**.

PIETRO,
ALLOW ME TO
INTRODUCE--

I KNOW
WHO THEY ARE,
FATHER.



AND HAVING
SEEN WICCAN'S EXPLOITS
ON THE EVENING NEWS, I
KNOW WHY YOU'VE TAKEN SUCH
A SUDDEN GRANDFATHERLY
INTEREST IN THEM.

BUT IF YOU DON'T
RELEASE THESE CHILDREN
AND LEAVE MY SISTER ALONE,
I PROMISE YOU **THE AVENGERS**
AND **THE X-MEN** WILL JOIN
FORCES AND--

YOU **KNOW**
WHERE YOUR
SISTER IS?

NO.

BUT I KNOW
THAT IF NEITHER OF
US HAS BEEN ABLE TO
FIND WANDA AFTER ALL
THIS TIME, IT MEANS
WANDA DOESN'T WANT
TO BE FOUND.

SO, YOU WILL
RELINQUISH THE CHILDREN
AND RETURN TO THE
X-MEN OR I WILL PERSONALLY
LEAD A CRUSADE OF EARTH'S
HEROES AGAINST YOU.



QUICKSILVER,
YOUR FATHER
DIDN'T **FORCE** US
INTO THIS.

WE CAME
HERE OF OUR
OWN FREE...



"I HAVE
TO BE HONEST
WITH YOU..."

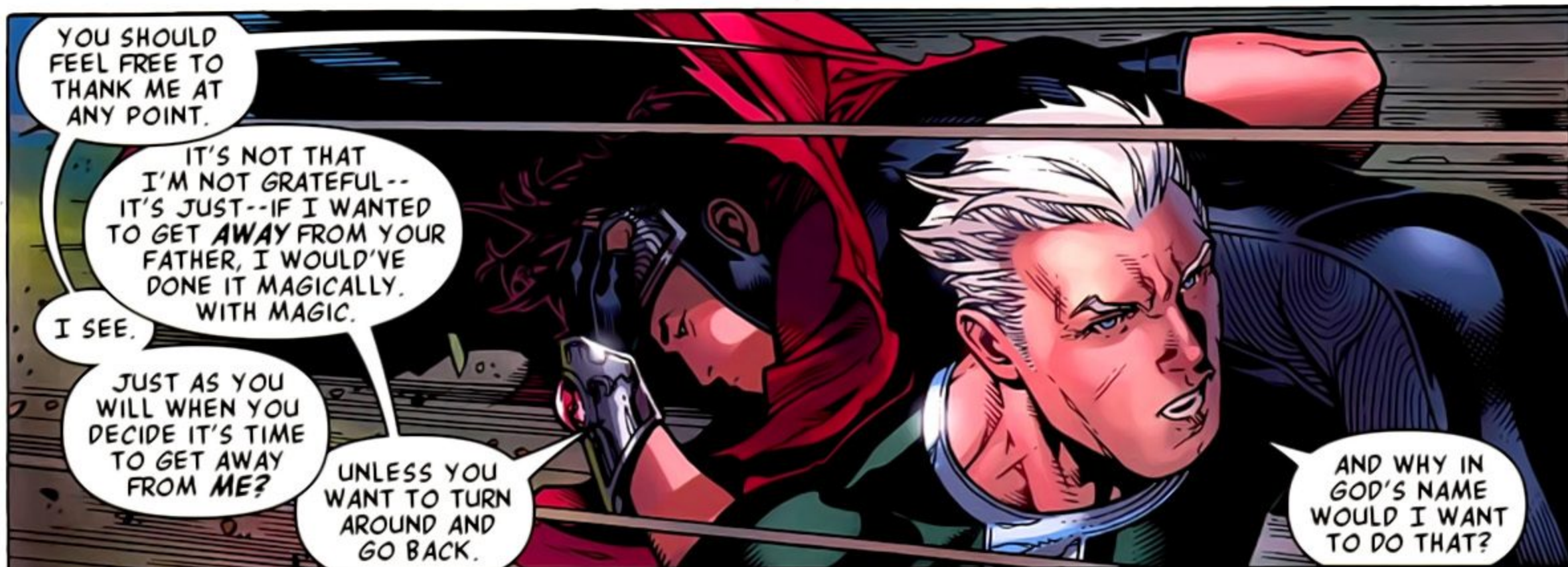


...THIS IS **NOT** HOW
I WAS HOPING WE'D
MEET.

THE FEELING
IS MUTUAL, I
ASSURE YOU.

YOU **DO** KNOW
IT'S POINTLESS
TO KIDNAP ME,
RIGHT?

I'M NOT
KIDNAPPING YOU.
I'M SAVING YOU
FROM MY FATHER. I
AM TAKING YOU OUT
OF HIS CLUTCHES.
OUT OF HARM'S
WAY.



YOU SHOULD
FEEL FREE TO
THANK ME AT
ANY POINT.

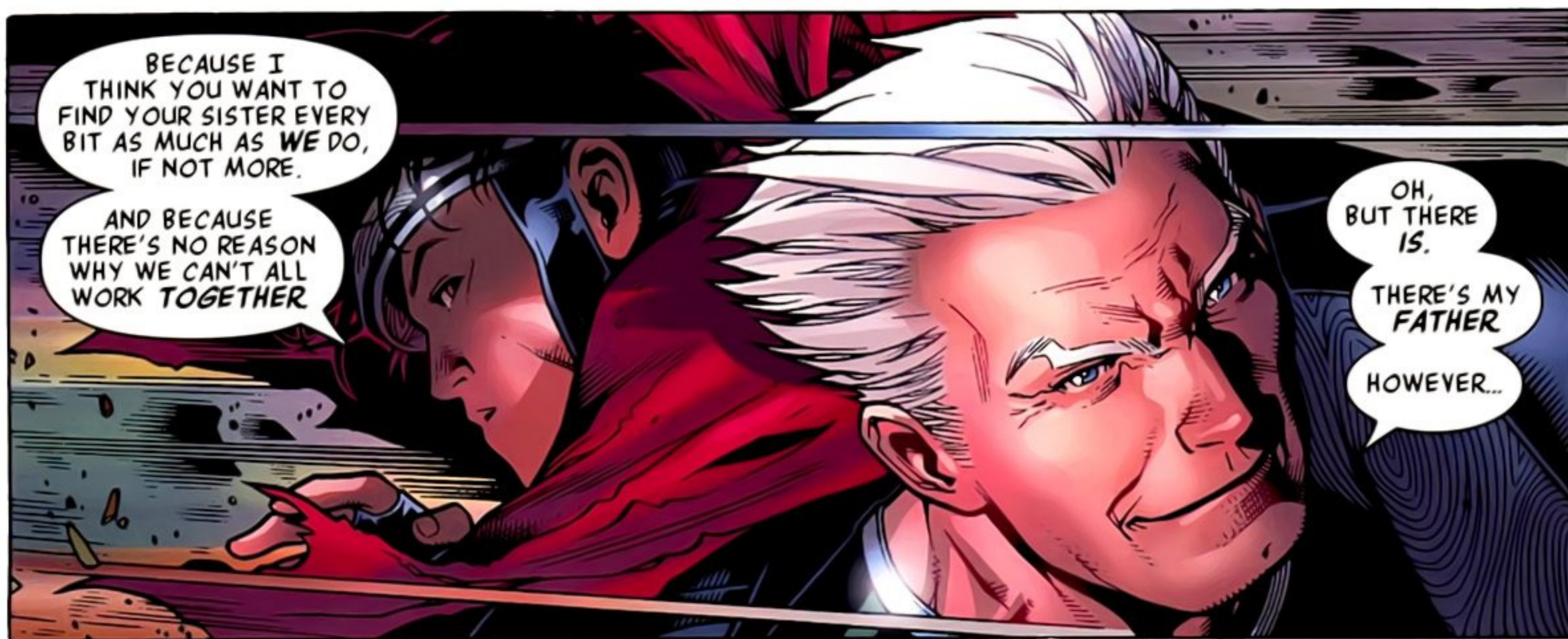
IT'S NOT THAT
I'M NOT GRATEFUL--
IT'S JUST--IF I WANTED
TO GET **AWAY** FROM YOUR
FATHER, I WOULD'VE
DONE IT MAGICALLY.
WITH MAGIC.

I SEE.

JUST AS YOU
WILL WHEN YOU
DECIDE IT'S TIME
TO GET AWAY
FROM **ME**?

UNLESS YOU
WANT TO TURN
AROUND AND
GO BACK.

AND WHY IN
GOD'S NAME
WOULD I WANT
TO DO THAT?



BECAUSE I
THINK YOU WANT TO
FIND YOUR SISTER EVERY
BIT AS MUCH AS **WE** DO,
IF NOT MORE.

AND BECAUSE
THERE'S NO REASON
WHY WE CAN'T ALL
WORK **TOGETHER**

OH,
BUT THERE
IS.

THERE'S MY
FATHER
HOWEVER...



...THERE'S NO
REASON THE TWO
OF **US** CAN'T WORK
TOGETHER.

OH,
BUT THERE
IS...









...SHE'S A
ROBOT.

NOT JUST
A ROBOT...
...A
DOOMBOT.

NO WONDER NO
ONE'S BEEN ABLE TO
FIND THE SCARLET
WITCH...

"...SHE'S THE
PRISONER OF

DOOM



TO BE CONTINUED...



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